OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
Municipal Parking Authority
OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Jan. 13, 1955

January 13, 1955

Chamber of Commerce Bldg.

Lansing, Michigan

The regular meeting of the Parking Authority Commission was called to order by Mr. J. M. Maynard at 1:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bidwell, Maynard, and Wolfram—3.

Ex-Officio Members Hayes, Leyrer, and Sanderson—3.

Absent—Coms. Bollert and Gordon—2.

Ex-Officio Member Thornton—1.

Ald. Lavey, Peck and Stabler (Council Committee).

Messrs. McKibbin, Ehinger and Phillips, members of the Appraisal Committee of the Board of Realtors, and Mr. Boyd, Secretary-Manager of the Chamber of Commerce, were also present.

The proceedings of the meeting of December 9 and December 15, 1953, were read and approved.

A letter from the West Side Commercial Club which was referred by the City Council was read and discussed. It was moved by Com. Bidwell, supported by Com. Wolfram, that a letter be written to the West Side Commercial Club asking for 6 months extension of the escrow agreement.

Motion carried.

Possibility of appraisals by the Appraisal Committee of the Lansing Board of Realtors on property for which appraisal was authorized by City Council was discussed with the members of the Board of Realtors present.

A letter from Allen T. Hayes, Traffic Engineer, about the parking lot in the 200 block of S. Grand Avenue, was read and discussed. It was moved by Com. Wolfram, supported by Com. Bidwell, that the matter be tabled until appraisals are received and include wall cost in package deal.

Motion carried.

Advisability of contacting Board of Education in regard to trade of Barnes property on W. Main Street as a Library site for Townsend School property was discussed. Moved by Com. Wolfram, supported by Com. Bidwell, that a letter be written to the National Parking Association advising them that copies of the Parking Report have been given to local parking lot operators and the supply is exhausted; also that the Parking Authority Commission has no intention or desire to force private operators out of business.

Motion carried.

Resolution by Ald. Wall which was referred to the Parking Commission, was received and placed on file.

Resolutions by the City Council authorizing appraisal of properties for off-street parking which were referred to the Parking Commission, were received and placed on file.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 P.M.

VICTOR G. LEYRER,
Secretary.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
Municipal Parking Authority
OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, Feb. 10, 1955

February 10, 1955

Chamber of Commerce Bldg.

Lansing, Michigan

The regular meeting of the Parking Authority Commission was called to order by Mr. J. M. Maynard at 1:35 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bidwell, Bollert, Maynard, and Wolfram—4.

Ex-Officio Members Hayes, Leyrer, Sanderson, and Thornton—4.

Ald. Peck (Council Committee).

Absent—Com. Gordon—1.

Ald. Lavey and Stabler (Council Committee).

Mr. Boyd, Secretary-Manager of the Chamber of Commerce, was also present.

The proceedings of the meeting of January 13, 1955, were read and approved.

Discussion followed on School and Y.W.C.A. property on W. Washtenaw Street.

Correspondence from the Board of Realtors and Appraisal Committee of the Board of Realtors was read and placed on file.

Methods of financing of off-street parking in the downtown area were discussed.

It was agreed to meet with private operators and Chamber of Commerce Committee on Off-Street Parking.

A communication from the City Council, regarding Townsend Street lot meters, was read and discussed.

It was moved by Com. Bidwell, supported by Com. Wolfram, that we recommend to the City Council that no change be made in the parking meters on the Townsend Street lot.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Com. Bidwell, supported by Com. Bollert, that Allen T. Hayes be appointed as Executive Secretary of the Municipal Parking Authority Commission.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Com. Bollert, supported by Com. Bidwell, that the proposed budget be adopted and forwarded to the Comptroller.

Motion carried.

A letter from James V. Danzo was read and discussed.

It was moved by Com. Bollert, supported by Com. Bidwell, that we write to Mr. Danzo advising him that his letter has been received and will be given further consideration.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 P.M.

VICTOR G. LEYRER,
Secretary.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
Municipal Parking Authority
OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, Mar. 10, 1955

March 10, 1955

Chamber of Commerce Bldg.

Lansing, Michigan

The regular meeting of the Municipal Parking Authority Commission was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. J. M. Maynard at 1:40 P. M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commmissioners Maynard, Bidwell, Bollert, Gordon, Wolfram. (5) Ev-Officio Members Hayes, Leyrer, Thornton (3).

Absent: Ald. Lavey, Ald. Peck, Ald. Stabler, Sanderson. (4)

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A general discussion of the Townsend Street School and YWCA Residence property was held.

Out of this discussion it was decided to get a commitment from the Civic Center Commission on this property for parking. Also, that the chairman would meet with the Board of Education at its Monday, March 14th meeting to discuss the school property with them.

Several appraisals by the Lansing Board of Realtors were presented and discussed. No decisions were made as the Commission wishes to acquire and discuss all appraisals on property proposed for parking.

The Commission will inform City Council that it would like to make further investigation into the possibilities of use of the old Veterans Building property in the 200 block of South Capitol Avenue for parking.

The chairman, Mr. Gordon, and the secretary will meet with property owners in regard to proposed Parking Area 3, West Saginaw, on Friday, March 18th.

The Lansing Board of Realtors will be requested to appraise two pieces of property on proposed Area 2, North Lansing. The Commission was informed by the Abstract Office that it is unable to determine ownership of the old mill race in this area.

Due to small amount of revenue and the consequent drain on the off-street parking reserve fund to make up deficits, the Commission is to request City Council permission to remove parking meter heads from City Parking Lot No. 7, 1100 block So. Washington and City Parking Lot No. 8, rear north side of 2000 block East Michigan Avenue. These lots will become free lots and will remain so until such time as the demand for parking in either or both of these lots becomes sufficiently heavy to justify replacing the meter heads.

If City Council concurs, these meter heads will be removed immediately so that these lots con be taken off the tax rolls.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

MUNICIPAL PARKING AUTHORITY COMMISSION

Allen T. Hayes,
Secretary

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
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OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, April 21, 1955

April 21, 1955

Chamber of Commerce Bldg.

Lansing, Michigan

The regular meeting of the Municipal Parking Authority Commission was called to order by the chairman, Mr. J. M. Maynard, at 1:40 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Maynard, Bidwell, Bollert, Gordon—4.

Ex-Officio Members Hayes, Leyrer, Sanderson—3.

Absent—Com. Wolfram—1.

Ex-Officio Members Lavey, Peck, Stabler, Thornton—4.

Mr. Lloyd Moles of the State Journal was present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

There was considerable discussion about the appropriation of $45,000.00 from the off-street parking reserve for construction of parking area for 244 vehicles on the Civic Center site. The Commission is in full accord with setting up these facilities, but feels very strongly that any revenue from this operation should go back into the off-street parking reserve.

The Commission remembers very clearly the mandate from City Council to take care of the outlying areas as well as the downtown area. These outlying areas have to be financed through use of funds available in the off-street parking reserve. These funds are limited and needed to carry out programs in these outlying areas and have been tentatively allocated. Any other use of these funds upsets the planning of the Commission.

The Commission went on record as favoring a tentative plan by the Traffic Commission to expand the parking meter area to the north, south and west of the Central Business District.

The Commission was advised that there is considerable misunderstanding by some citizens as to how the off-street parking program was to be financed. In the discussion it was hoped that the impression could be gotten across that parking meter revenues will be used for financing the program.

The YWCA authorities are to be contacted to ascertain details in connection with the old residence property on W. Washtenaw Street. It was brought out that this property and the Townsend Street School property are desirable for off-street parking and that the Commission is interested in this property.

Due to plans of the Post Office Department to discontinue operation of the South Lansing sub-station, the plans for a connection from Parking Lot No. 7 to W. South Street are to be tabled to see what the traffic volume picture in W. South Street is after the sub-station is closed.

The Commissioners authorized a meeting with the Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners to discuss details of use of Park Department property in the 500 block of E. Michigan Avenue for off-street parking purposes.

The Commissioners authorized a meeting with the merchants in the 2000 block of E. Michigan Avenue on the south side to work out details for off-street parking.

The Commission, in discussing the resolution by Ald. Bradshaw that it investigate the possibility of acquiring a garage at the rear of a house on So. Logan Street to get an opening from Barnes to Berten, decided that this was actually an alley opening

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proposition, which is not a function of the Commission.

The Commission authorized a meeting with Mr. L. C. Jeffreys to discuss property known as Lawrence property.

A general discussion of off-street parking financing was carred on, which was very informative and stimulating.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

MUNICIPAL PARKING
AUTHORITY COMMISSION,

Allen T. Hayes, Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
The City Plan Commission
OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings April 21, 1955

April 21, 1955

City Hall Annex

Lansing, Michigan

The regular meeting of the City Plan Commission was called to order by the Chairman, Sam Obrecht, at 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Brisbin, Crego, Kowalski, Leadley, Obrecht, Oswald, Teel, and Thornton—8.

Absent—Com. Froh—1.

Ald. Bradshaw, Klock, and Stabler—(Council Committee).

The proceedings of the regular meeting of April 7, 1955, were approved.

It was moved and supported that we suspend our rules regarding business at the second monthly meeting of the City Plan Commission and add to the agenda the zoning matter of the United States Post Office regarding property in the 2300 block of S. Cedar Street.

Motion carried.

After considerable discussion with Mr. Lyle Austin, Lansing Postmaster, and Mr. Chandler of the United States Postal Department, it was moved and supported that the matter be referred to the staff for further study.

Motion carried.

It was moved and supported that we recommend to the City Council that Roselawn Street be opened across Lot 10, Assessor's Plat No. 12, to provide street access for abutting property owners.

Motion carried.

It was moved and supported that we recommend to the City Council that property at the end of Marcus Street west of Clemens Street be not vacated since it might be advisable at some future date to open Marcus Street to the west.

Motion carried.

It was moved and supported that we recommend to the City Council that Cypress Street be not extended to the west as it is not necessary or feasible.

Motion carried.

After considerable discussion on the extension of Grand Avenue north of Saginaw Street, it was moved and supported that we approve the plans for the extension of Grand Avenue from Saginaw Street to Madison Street but recommend that completion for use should be postponed until traffic conditions warrant the necessity; and further recommend that no action be taken on the extension of the

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Municipal Parking Authority
OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings May 12, 1955

Chamber of Commerce Bldg.

Thursday, May 12, 1955.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mr. J. M. Maynard.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Maynard, Bollert, Gordon—3.

Ex-Officio Members Hayes, Leyrer, Sanderson, Thornton—4.

Absent—Coms. Bidwell, Wolfram—2.

Ex-Officio Members Lavey, Peck, Stabler—3.

Visitors: Mr. Dorr Shotwell, Mr. Lloyd Moles.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed.

A letter from the J. W. Knapp Co. in regard to property rcently purchased in Site "A" was read. It was moved and supported that the letter be received and that its contents be given further study.

Carried.

It was moved and supported that Site "A" properties be given additional study.

Carried.

The Secretary was directed to confer with the Civic Center Commission, relative to their parking needs, taking into account the availability of present and proposed on-street and off-street parking in the area within a 3-block radius of the Civic Center.

Carried.

The need for a retaining wall along the river side of Site "B" was discussed, but it was decided to include this in the over all off-street recommendation.

Carried.

A preliminary discussion was held on the method of financing the off-street parking program. It was determined that any method of financing would require detailed reports to support any recommendation.

It was moved and supported that any action on proposed North Lansing off-street parking be tabled for one month.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

MUNICIPAL PARKING
AUTHORITY COMMISSION,

Allen T. Hayes, Secretary.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
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OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, June 9, 1955

June 9, 1955,

Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,

Lansing, Michigan.

The regular meeting of the Municipal Parking Authority Commission was called to order by the chairman, Mr. J. M. Maynard at 1:42 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Maynard, Bidwell, Bollert—3.

Ex-Officio Members Hayes, Leyrer, Sanderson, Thornton—4.

Absent—Coms. Gordon, Wolfram—2.

Ex-Officio Members Lavey, Peck, Stabler—3.

Visitors—Mr. Frank Jury, Mr. Walt Dennis, Mr. Albert Boyd, Mr. Lloyd Moles.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

There was considerable discussion about the figures that had been worked up for surface parking on Sites A, B, C, and D. As a result of this discussion it was moved and seconded that figures be worked up for ramp structures on Sites A and B.

Carried.

It was moved and seconded that City Council be advised that the Commission is not interested in the old Veterans Memorial property in the 200 block of South Capitol due to narrow width of the property.

Carried.

A motion was made and seconded to present to City Council information received from the Board of Realtors relative to the acquisition of property for off-street parking purposes in the 900 block of W. Saginaw Street.

Carried.

It was moved and supported that a request be sent to City Council asking permission to authorize the Board of Realtors to see if property in North Lansing in the area behind the business establishments on the south side of E. Grand River Avenue between Race Street and Factory Street and bounded on the south by Maple Street, can be acquired for a price not to exceed the appraised valuation of these two parcels.

Carried.

An offer of property on the S.E. corner of Michigan and Larch for off-street parking purposes on a lease basis was turned down as not being financially feasible.

Carried.

The secretary was instructed to send letters to businessmen on E. Michigan Avenue who have potential undeveloped off-street parking facilities to tell them that the closing of E. Saginaw Street is imminent and to advise them to get busy now and set up any off-street parking they can.

Carried.

Mr. Boyd of the Chamber of Commerce invited the Commission members to meet with the Chamber Off-street Parking Committee for lunch and an inspection tour of proposed off-street parking facilities on Wednesday, June 15th.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MUNICIPAL PARKING
AUTHORITY COMM.

Allen T. Hayes,

Secretary.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
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Proceedings, July 7, 1955

Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,

Thursday, July 7, 1955.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Maynard, Bidwell, Bollert, Gardon—4.

Ex-Officio Members Hayes, Leyrer, Sanderson, Thornton—4.

Absent—Com. Wolfram—1.

Ex-Officio Members Lavey, Peck, Stabler—3.

Visitors—Dennis, Kositchek, Lyman, Munson, Boyd.

Press—Frazier, Walton.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed.

Discussion was held concerning Board of Cemetery & Park Commissioners offer of Board property in the 500 block of E. Michigan Avenue for a total of $375.00 per month ($200.00 front, $175.00 rear) plus a lease between the City and the Board. The Commission could not see how it could break even under this setup.

It was moved and supported that City Council be advised and that no recommendation be made.

Carried.

Mr. Dennis explained the position of the Downtown Business Association in regard to parking and pointed out that their information reaches about 1,000 interested parties.

A letter from Ramp Buildings Corp. was read by the Chairman. This letter dealt with proposals that will be incorporated in the Commission's report and recommendations to City Council.

Mr. Orlie Munson showed plans of a parking ramp he had prepared preliminary sketches on.

After considerable discussion it was moved and supported that it would not be a legitimate use of parking meter revenue to pay approximately $250.00 for the blacktopping of a driveway across Board of Water & Electric Light well property running from the rear of proposed parking lot rear of stores in 500 block E. Grand River Avenue north to Liberty Street.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

MUNICIPAL PARKING
AUTHORITY COMM.

Allen T. Hayes,
Secretary.

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Proceedings, August 11, 1955

August 11, 1955,

Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,

Lansing, Michigan.

The regular meeting of the Municipal Parking Authority Commission was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. J. M. Maynard, at 1:33 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present — Coms. Maynard, Bidwell, Bollert, Wolfram—4.

Ex-officio members Hayes, Leyrer, Sanderson, Thornton—4.

Absent—Com. Gordon—1.

Ex-officio members Lavey, Peck, Stabler—3.

Visitors—Dennis, Underhill, Kositchek, Jury—4.

Press—Moles.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The secretary read copy of City Council resolution placing the off-street parking bond issue on the November ballot.

A letter from Ramp Buildings Corp., was read and discussed. It was moved and seconded that a letter be written to Ramps asking their opinion on a reconsideration of Sites "A," "B," and "C."

Carried.

It was moved and supported that an option on property at 713 Chicago Avenue, needed for the W. Saginaw Street parking lot, be forwarded to City Council.

Carried.

A discussion was held relative to dissemination of information in connection with the proposed bond issue for off-street parking. Out of this discussion it was decided that several changes were needed in present regulations and definite assurance would have to be given relative to use of revenue for parking.

Carried.

It was moved and supported to ask City Council to take steps to acquire property known as "Arctic Dairy" property so that an access drive from Capitol Avenue to present City Parking Lot No. 1 can be opened up.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

MUNICIPAL PARKING AUTHORITY COMM.

Allen T. Hayes,
Secretary.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
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Proceedings, Sept. 8, 1955

September 8, 1955,

Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,

Lansing, Michigan.

The regular meeting of the Municipal Parking Authority Commission was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. J. M. Maynard, at 2:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Maynard, Bidwell, Bollert, Gordon, Wolfram—5.

Ex-Officio members Hayes, Leyrer—2.

Absent—Coms. None.

Ex-Officio members Lavey, Stabler, Peck, Sanderson, Thornton—5.

Others present—Mr. Clarence Knapp, Mr. Richard Kositcheck, Mr. Frank Jury, Mr. "Dutch" Underhill, Mr. Albert Boyd, Mr. Lloyd Moles.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A general discussion of the proposed off-street parking bond issue was held with various ideas set forth to assure its passage.

The Townsend School and Y.W.C.A. Residence property came up again in connection with a parking problem. The stand of the Commission was reiterated that this property should be used for Civic Center parking.

A report was made on the acquisition of property for the off-street parking lot in the rear of the 900 Block of West Saginaw Street. All properties except two have been acquired. It was moved and supported that steps be taken to get the money in escrow for this project.

Carried.

The status of the North Lansing off-street parking project was explained. It was also reported that City Council ordered appraisals on property on the northwest corner of Grand River and Turner plus the property occupied by the Kroger Company.

A resolution containing the recommendations of the Commission for parking in the downtown area was approved. The Commission is recommending a ramp structure on Site A and surface parking on Sites B and C. Site D would provide surface parking for the Civic Center Auditorium.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

MUNICIPAL PARKING AUTHOR-
COMMISSION,

Allen T. Hayes,
Secretary.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
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Proceedings October 13, 1955

October 13, 1955,

Chamber of Commerce Bldg.

Lansing, Michigan.

The regular meting of the Municipal Parking Authority Commission was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. J. M. Maynard at 1:45 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present—Cms. Maynard, Bidwell, Bollert (3). Ex-Officio members Hayes, Leyrer (2).

Absent—Coms. Gordon, Wolfram (2). Ex-Officio members Lavey, Peck, Stabler, Sanderson, Thornton (5).

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The matter of property to be used for off-street parking at the rear of the 500 block of E. Grand River Avenue was laid on the table for one month.

Carried.

The proposed development of Factory Street for parking was explained by the secretary as a matter of information.

Proposal to have the Commission investigate use of Bank Street for off-street parking was referred back to the City Council due to conditions involved.

Carried.

Mr. Sam Harris explained the "Pigeon Hole" parking system to the Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 2:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

MUNICIPAL PARKING
AUTHORITY COMMISSION

Allen T. Hayes,
Secretary.

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$2,000 3% Treasury Bonds of this issue due February 1995 at the market for the Evergreen Perpetual Care Account and report cost back to the Board.

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Carried.

The meeting adjourned.

BEULAH M. ROUSE,
Assistant City Clerk.

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Municipal Parking Authority
OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, November 10, 1955

November 10, 1955,

Chamber of Commerce Office,

Lansing, Michigan.

The regular meeting of the Municipal Parking Authority Commission was called to order by the chairman, M. J. M. Maynard, at 1:45 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Maynard, Bidwell, Bollert, Gordon—4.

Ex-Officio members—Hayes, Leyrer, Sanderson—3.

Absent—Com. Wolfram—1.

Ex-Officio members—Lavey, Peck, Stabler, Thornton—4.

Visitors—Messrs. Boyd, Jury, Underhill, Moles.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed.

It was moved and supported that it be recommended to City Council that parking meters be placed in City Lot No. 8 in the rear of north side of 2000 block E. Michigan Avenue. This to be done in conjunction with proposed change in method of parking on the street.

Carried.

It was moved and seconded that City Council be informed that the off-street parking survey in the outlying areas showed that present parking facilities are adequate in the 500 block of East Grand River Avenue.

Carried.

A discussion was held on the status of the Arctic Dairy property but no decisions were arrived at.

It was deemed necessary to seek guidance for future Commission procedure and the chairman was instructed to work out a meeting with City Council.

Adjourned at 3:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

MUNICIPAL PARKING AUTHORITY COMMISSION,
Allen T. Hayes,
Secretary.

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